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Former Badger Ammo land being eyed as grassland restoration project



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While plans are moving forward for the 1,553 acres in Sauk County acquired by the Ho-Chunk Nation in December, part of what was known as the former Badger Ammunition Plant, many people are wondering what it can become.

"Some people think the whole Badger parcel is contaminated but that's not the case," said Randy Poelma from the Ho-Chunk Division of Environmental Health. "No contamination of any substance can be found at ground level at this time. Any animal or person will not come into contact with any substance left from the Badger Ammunition Plant."

Back when it was decided the land would be turned over to the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Wisconsin DNR and the USDA, the Nation had first dibs on choosing the land and it selected the northeast corner, Poelma said.

However, that parcel had several small buildings on it that contained asbestos. The Wisconsin DNR was not eligible for land because it was a state agency, not a federal one, but soon found a way around that stipulation by joining forces with the U.S.

Park Service in 2005.

At that time, the DNR performed an inventory of the seven remaining buildings and reviewed the chemicals that were used in each building. The agency also tested around the buildings for lead paint and asbestos and then removed the soil around those buildings to take away any possible toxic contamination.

The buildings and cement slabs were removed, along with a system of water pipes, sewage systems and hydrants. The Army had removed and sold anything that held any value as a salvage operation, he said.

Back when the ammunition plant was in operation, the buildings were heated with steam, supplied by an above-ground piping system. Those pipes were removed as well.

"All ground contamination was removed except for one area of land considered a burn disposal ground in the northeast corner, within the parcel claimed by the Ho-Chunk Nation," Poelma said. "Back when the plant was in operation, if the workers had powder they wished to dispose of, they would take it to the burning ground and ignite the substance. The material burned contained a chemical known as DNT, or dinitrotoluene, which leached into the soil and eventually into the groundwater."

Excavation has been done to remove contaminated soil and a clay cap was placed on the site.

When the contamination of DNT was discovered, test monitoring wells were dug at various positions on the land. The DNR has been monitoring the wells for several years only two wells show any amount of DNT at the present time. The amount has continually decreased over the years and, at the present time, has a reading of only .05 micrograms per liter. Those wells once had levels of DNT in the thousands of micrograms, but have shown a steady decline. Poelma ex-

pects the present amount to decline to the point that no groundwater contamination exists in any of the wells.

"There are no plans to develop any type of structures on the land, so no wells would be necessary anyway," Poelma said. "Everything above ground is contamination free, so it would be a perfect setting for prairie restoration and bison grazing."

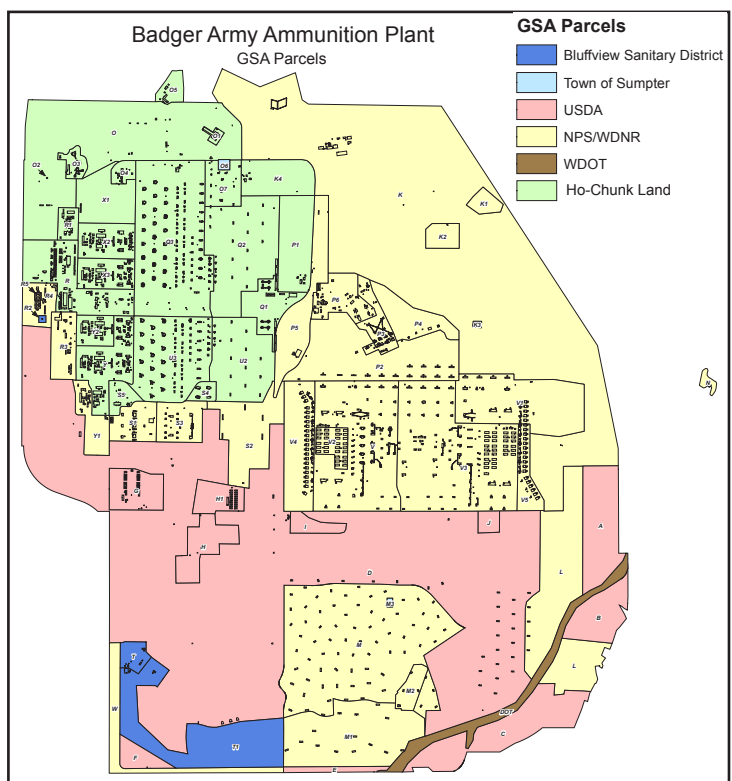
Because of the discovery of the burn grounds in the northeast parcel, the Ho-Chunk land has been relocated to the northwest parcel instead.

To know the history of the Badger Ammunition Plant and what has transpired since then, a person would have to know some of the development along the way.

"People need to understand the operations of the plant, environmental regulations and remediation activities that have taken place over the last 20 years," Poelma said.

"There is a tremendous opportunity at the former Badger Ammunition Plant site to partner with other landowners including the Wisconsin DNR and USDA and stakeholders on a landscape scale project that includes the restoration of lands over literally miles of land from the Wisconsin River to the Baraboo Hills," Poelma said. "Land managers and restoration experts throughout the state recognize this as one of those far and few opportunities to do something on a large scale to heal the land."

The Nation, along with the other landowners, stakeholders and the public, have been working on the transfer and future restoration plans for the former Badger site since 2001. These discussions began with formation of the Badger Reuse Committee that included some 21 governmental bodies, conservation groups, advisors and other stakeholders. This group prepared the Badger Reuse Report and facilitated the formation of the Badger Intergovernmental Group



which then became the Badger Oversight and Management Commission (BOMC).

Poelma has been working on the transfer and restoration planning for the property for almost 14 years and currently serves as the Vice Chair on the BOMC and Chair of the BOMC Planning and Land-use Committee. He has also served on the Restoration Advisory Board that brought together the Army, landowners and stakeholders to discuss environmental remediation of the property.

"There has been a long road to resolving ownership of the former Badger Ammunition Plant site," he said. "The Ho-Chunk Nation and the DNR had years of back-and-forth negotiations with the GSA to determine who would get what. It's very positive to receive the property and begin to take steps forward. However, people need to realize that we are working on restoration plans that will be implemented over the next 20 plus years."

"We need to make decisions that meet the tribe's needs and assure protection of the environment and visitors to the property. Planning for the property will be administered and overseen

by the Badger Oversight Team that was recently approved by the Legislature and Office of the President. This group will assure coordination with the other landowners and stakeholders on all matters when planning."

In the negotiations, the Ho-Chunk Nation got one portion of land, the DNR got another, and the southern portion was given to the USDA, which and already been using it for grazing cattle. They have a facility east of Badger Road, with a dairy barn.

Since the closing of the Badger Ammunition Plant, the land has been on standby, so the Army issued

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Menominee rally at Capitol in hopes to change Walker’s mind

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Hundreds of Menominee tribal members descended upon the state Capitol building on Wednesday, February 18, some estimating more than 700, all to let Governor Scott Walker know that they deemed the Kenosha casino project important for their nation.

Fifteen members walked the entire 155 miles from the Menominee reservation to the Capitol, braving wind-chill temperatures down to 30 below, walking for 10 hours each day. Others boarding buses for the journey, but all united to try one last push for Walker, who rejected the proposal, to change his mind.

Many carried signs with messages like, “Your decision affects our future,” “It’s not just a casino. It’s our future,” “We deserve to be heard,” and “Moving forward despite you.”

They marched down State Street to the Capitol, then joined inside the Rotunda for a rally with state representatives from the Menominee

area and the Kenosha area speaking in favor the casino project.

Also, tribal leaders spoke about their support for the project and a plea for Walker to change his mind.

“Instead of setting your mind and energy on running for president, you should be helping the people of Wisconsin – what you were elected to do,” said Joe Miller, chairman of the Stockbridge-Munsee Nation.

“Governor Walker, please hear me,” said Menominee tribal chairman Gary Besaw. “I come to you today to speak to you. I represent the voices of the great Menominee Nation.”

On Monday, February 16, Walker sent a letter to tribal leaders that explained why he doesn’t support the project. It creates too much economic risk for Wisconsin taxpayers, he explained. Another reason is that he was concerned about a provision that blocks other casinos from building in the area.

The offer by the Menominee Nation “contained a

provision that blocked other casinos within 90 miles of Kenosha. When this offer was presented to Secretary (Mike) Huebsch, you stated that one of the goals of the offer was to block a future Beloit casino.”

The Ho-Chunk Nation proposes to build a casino in Beloit. The Ho-Chunk Nation has opposed the project, saying that the casino proposal is not on Menominee land and would open the door for off-reservation casinos, plus stiffen the competition for gambling dollars.

Besaw later said that the Beloit provision was removed and it is not included in their current compact amendment.

Besaw said Walker’s letter shows that he doesn’t understand what they have proposed in regards to the Kenosha proposal. Also, they previously offered to fund a new Milwaukee Bucks arena and provide \$275 million in bond funding to cover the state’s shortfall in exchange for approval of the Kenosha project, but that offer was turned down.

At the conclusion of the rally in the Rotunda on Wednesday, Besaw walked to the governor’s office, with reporters and television crews following him. The Capitol police stopped Besaw, telling him that he would not be able to meet with Walker. Besaw expressed his disappointment, turned and walked away.

“You wrote a letter to President Obama, asking him to change his mind on the XL Keystone pipeline project,” Besaw said. “We’re asking you to change your mind on the Kenosha casino project.”



Even the young children displayed signs (above), making a plea to Governor Walker. Young people cheered from the upper levels in the Rotunda, proudly displaying the Menominee flag. Stockbridge-Munsee Chairman Joe Miller told the crowd that he is displeased with the governor’s decision.



Menominee Chairman Gary Besaw addresses a crowd of hundreds in the Rotunda of the Capitol on February 18.



Assistant Secretary Washburn Approves Ho-Chunk Nation’s Three HEARTH Act Tribal Land Leasing Codes

Action brings to 18 the number of federally recognized tribes with leasing regulations approved under the Act

Submitted by Nedra Darling, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

In keeping with President Obama’s commitment to empowering tribal nations and strengthening their economies, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn today announced his approval of three separate land leasing codes for the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin. Today’s action brings to 18 the number of federally recognized tribes whose land leasing regulations have been approved by the Department of the Interior in accordance with the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (or HEARTH) Act.

“I congratulate the Ho-Chunk Nation on joining the growing number of tribal governments with approved land leasing authority under the HEARTH Act,” Washburn said. “The Act provides tribal nations with the means to achieve greater control over

their economic futures. With each step forward, Indian Country demonstrates its ability to guide the economic progress of its people now and into the future.”

The 7,400-plus member Ho-Chunk Nation, which is headquartered in the city of Black River Falls, submitted its proposed codes for agricultural, business site and residential leasing to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) last year.

“There’s no single greater accomplishment of any tribal government than standing on its own without having to ask the federal government for permission,” said Ho-Chunk President Jon Greendeer. “That’s sovereignty, that’s what we work for. We have drastically increased our ability to exercise our sovereignty over our own lands.”

The HEARTH Act restores the authority of federally recognized tribes to develop and implement their own laws governing the long-term leasing of Indian lands for resi-

dential, business, renewable energy, and other purposes. Upon one-time approval of their regulations by the Department, tribes then have the authority to process land leases without BIA approval, thereby greatly expediting leasing approval for homes and small businesses in Indian Country.

Tribes whose leasing regulations have been approved under the HEARTH Act to date are:

- Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, Calif. (Business)
- Pueblo of Sandia, N.M. (Business)
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Mich. (Residential)
- Ak-Chin Indian Community, Ariz. (Business)
- Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians, Calif. (Business)
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Okla. (Business)
- Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians, Calif. (Business)

- Kaw Nation, Okla. (Business)
- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, Washington State (Business)
- Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, Calif. (Business)
- Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, Okla. (Business)
- Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut (Business)
- Navajo Nation General Leasing Regulations, Ariz., N.M. and Utah
- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Calif. (Business)
- Seminole Tribe of Florida (Individual Business and Residential Ordinances)
- Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Washington State (Business)
- Oneida Indian Nation, N.Y. (Business)
- Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin (Business, Residential and Agricultural Codes)

The Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership, or

HEARTH, Act, which Congress passed with overwhelming bipartisan support, was signed by President Obama on July 30, 2012. For more information on the HEARTH Act, visit the Indian Affairs website at <http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OTS/HEARTH/index.htm>.

The Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs oversees the BIA, which is headed by a director who is responsible for managing day-to-day operations through four offices – Indian Services, Justice Services, Trust Services, and Field Operations. These offices directly administer or fund tribally based infrastructure, law enforcement, social services, tribal governance, natural and energy resources, and trust land and resources management programs for the nation’s federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes through 12 regional offices and 81 agencies.

Safe Link Program protects against dirty needle use

Submitted by Ted Hall and Jessica Tyler

There is a risk to the community you may not even be aware of; the risk of dirty needles in the park, in the home, or in the lot behind your house. These dirty needles can carry dangerous infections known as Hepatitis C and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). Injection drug users are also at higher risk for these infections if they re-use the same needle over and over.

There is a solution to this concern and risk to the community. That solution is needle exchange programs. There are needle exchange programs currently working within the

local area. However, they have limited ability to send people to the Ho-Chunk Nation for help.

SafeLink is a needle exchange program, for Native Americans, providing clean and safe needle exchange, as well as linkage to Ho-Chunk Nation services such as addiction counseling and treatment. SafeLink has gone through a rigorous approval process and obtained support. The goals of SafeLink are to:

- Remove dirty, used syringes from the community; this makes the community a safer place by lowering the risk of exposure to dirty needles.
- Decrease the transmission of Hepatitis C and Human Im-

munodeficiency Virus (HIV) through promoting the use of clean needles.

- Provide information and access to addiction counseling and treatment, medical services, and other Ho-Chunk Nation services; decreasing injection drug use.
- Provide culturally appropriate and competent care to Native Americans that use SafeLink.

SafeLink is coordinated by Ted Hall, Director of Pharmacy/Psychiatric Pharmacist Prescriber and Jessica Tyler, Community Health Nurse. SafeLink has the support and approval of the Ho-Chunk Nation medical services and Health Accreditation Board.

SafeLink is working with Ho-Chunk Nation departments and local agencies to provide the best possible services.

SafeLink Locations:

Baraboo Area- American Legion Post 556 on Reedsburg Rd, across from Ho-Chunk Gaming. Exchange available the first Friday of each month from 11am to 2pm. Days and hours may expand based on need.

Black River Falls: Location to be determined in the future. Please contact us with any suggested potential sites.

For more information regarding the SafeLink Exchange please contact Ted Hall at 608-477-5776 Or Jessica Tyler at 608-343-0918.

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Please Contact: Jessie Tyler, CHN/RN at 608-343-0918 or Pam Reimer, CHN/RN at 715-323-3566 with Questions!

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leases for grazing on the land. Animals grazing controlled the rampant growing of vegetation, especially controlling the growth of woody plants, such as bush and trees which would soon overtake the land.

"Why the tribe is interested in the land dates back to the mid-1800s – the Treaty of 1837 to be exact," Poelma said. "It was the last major treaty with the Ho-Chunk people, which land was designated to belong to them, which extended in a general area from Chicago and Milwaukee all the way up to Eau Claire."

On the southwest corner of the Badger Ammunition land, the Bluff View wastewater treatment plant still exists, serving a small community also known as Bluff View. A community well also exists there and the well has received strict testing and monitoring. It is a good source of water and no contamination

has been found.


The former Badger Ammunition Plant land has been, and should remain, a key component in protecting wildlife.

"It's the last holdout for grassland birds," Poelma said. "Birds like bob-o-links and meadowlarks need large open grassland areas, which doesn't happen in the Midwest anymore."

Another former Army arsenal area in Joliet, Illinois, has been turned into a habitat for grassland birds, managed by the U.S. Forest Service. It's called the Midewin Tallgrass Prairie and it's the first national sanctuary for grassland birds, something Poelma would like to use as a model for the former Badger Ammunition land, now Ho-Chunk land.

Also, he would like to see bison reintroduced to the land to manage the grasses and tree population as a long term goal. Bison also are significant in Ho-Chunk culture, he said.

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Black River Falls Tigers Squirt B Team heads to State

In what will be remembered as a comeback story that will live on in the memories of the Black River Falls Tigers Squirt B team, coaches, and family members, it all took place in the Region 6 Play-down Championship game in Altoona, WI on February 8, 2015. The BRF Tigers were playing a formidable River Falls Wildcats team, and headed into the 3 period facing a 3 goal deficit. The winner of this game would earn their spot representing Region 6 in the Division III State Tournament in Ashland, WI, March 14-15.

Before the start of the third period, Coach John Stacy had one last pep talk for his team, "You guys are doing great" he told them. "The only place we're not winning this game is on the score board, keep doing what you're doing and eventually good things will happen. This is not over until

the last buzzer sounds." stated Coach Stacy. Being shut out in the first two periods, a comeback seemed impossible, but the kids had a different opinion.

Just when they needed a little shine of hope Micah Zoschke scored and as soon as that happened the team began to believe more and more they still had a chance. What seemed like only moments later, the crowd roared as Evan Lowe found the back of the net. From what Coach Stacy recalled, the game's pace turned frantic and the BRF crowd got louder and louder every time the Tigers touched the puck. With the potential comeback within reach, both teams had chances on their offensive ends of the ice. Then, Bailey Anderson took the puck through traffic and blazed the game tying goal passed the goalie.

It's like the roof was blown

off the arena when that happened, Stacy recalled. It all happened so fast. Suddenly the kids turned the tide and poised themselves to punch their ticket to the State Tournament.

Overtime had the same end to end action that had everyone on their feet and was capped by the game winning goal by BRF Tiger Forward, Anthony Roush. Everyone went absolutely wild, the crowd was jumping, the kids were piling up in celebration, and tears were flowing from both teams. They did it!

The Black River Falls Tigers Squirt B team has 11 players, 3 of which are enrolled tribal members, Bailey Anderson, Evan Lowe, and Antonio Stacy all 9 years old. The WAHA State Hockey Championships will be held on March 14-15, 2015 in Ashland, Wisconsin. Scheduled in the fourth game of the State



Youth hockey players (from left) Bailey Anderson, Evan Lowe and Antonio Stacy, all 9-year-old enrolled tribal members, pause to have their picture taken before head to the State Tournament.

Tournament the Black River Tigers Squirt B team will face off against Oshkosh at 12:45 pm on Saturday March 14th. "This season has been a thrill to be a part of and each one

of these boys should be proud for how far we have gotten, I couldn't be happier with them!" stated Stacy.

Zamantha's creations come from her family's genes

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Zamantha Funmaker has received recognition few artists have ever achieved.

Her art was selected for display at the West Central Regional Art Show from February 1 through February 19 at the West Salem Heider Center.

But even more of an honor, her work was chosen from the art on display to go to the state Capitol building in Madison.



Zamantha Funmaker believes art will always be an important part of her life.

Each teacher can submit five entries into the art show and only three of those go on to the state level. Art was represented from students attending schools in Augusta, Fall Creek, Tomah, Sparta, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Onalaska, West Salem, Tomah, Cashton, Osseo-Fairchild and Black River Falls.

The display in West Salem

culminated with a closing ceremony on Thursday evening, February 19.

"I was really surprised my teacher picked my art out of hundreds of students she has," Zamantha said. "It is an honor."

Zamantha is a junior at Tomah High School, the daughter of Courtney Funmaker, Black River Falls, and Eric Koster, Shawano.

Her artwork on display was a rendering of a face, created with coffee, watercolor and pencil.

"I was always bad at doing faces, but I have been working on it to be able to do it better," she said. Consequently she looked at it as a challenge. "I saw a painting of a face and, just as a sketch, drew the lips and then drew the closed eyes, the nose and then a third eye on the forehead."

While some people specialize in specific media, like watercolor, oil or acrylic, Zamantha likes all forms of media for her creations.

"I'm learning things and I can do them more confidently."

She's also working on a drawing of an older man in black and white with butterflies circling his head.

"I only do original artwork," she said. "I never copy another person's art."

Another piece of art that she is quite happy about is a drawing of suits with monkey heads. She gave the art to her grandmother, Faye.

Her enthusiasm for art began in the sixth grade when she began attending art classes instructed by Lisa Winchel.

"I always drew, but I never

got serious about drawing until I had Mrs. Winchel as a teacher," she said.

Then, when Zamantha was in ninth grade, Mrs. Winchel moved to teaching high school. Zamantha wasn't able to take any classes with her that year, but jumped on the opportunity the following school year and she intends to make art part of her coursework every year.

"I have difficulty in some pieces, but I can figure it out," she said. "It doesn't give me stress."

Through Mrs. Winchel, she has become a better artist, she said.

"She is a positive person in my life," Zamantha said.

But once she steps out of the classroom, her zest for art doesn't stop there. Most of the time, she takes her artwork home with her so that she can continue her work at home.

She's getting ready for apply for AP art, meaning she can submit her work and, if approved, receive college credit for it.

She doesn't plan to make art her career, but instead an essential part of who she is and what she can accomplish.

"I hope to do it for the rest of my life," she said.

Also, her grandmother and her two cousins are artistically inclined, leading her to the conclusion that artistic ability is in her genes.

"It runs in my family," she said. "When I was little, I would go to her grandmother's house (Faye White) and work on beading and sewing. My grandmother has kept everything I created."



One of Zamantha's favorite drawings is one of a pair of monkeys in suits.



Her art of a face, created with coffee, watercolor and pencil, was on display at the West Salem Heider Center and will now be moving on to be displayed at the state Capitol Building in Madison.

Ho-Chunk youth teach peers how to take stand against bullying

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Student Council members have taken a stance against bullying.

But they don't think a stance is enough – they want to make a difference in children's lives, protecting them from the torment that endures, but also the scars that stay with victims many years afterwards.

They're members of the TABO Program – Teens Against Bullying Others.

One of their primary missions is to explain to younger students what bullying is all about and how students can act to stop it.

The TABO group is coordinated by Nate Northrup, home school coordinator with Ho-Chunk Social Services; Monica Lobenstein, UW-Extension 4-H youth development agent; and Alex Galston, UW-Ext. Americore/Vista volunteer.

Black River Falls Ho-Chunk Student Council members involved with TABO include Josh Cloud, Sarah Rave, Graciana Rave, Cecelia Lonetree, Cyrus Ortiz, Izaak Ortiz and Michaela Custodio.

"The response was really, really cool," Northrup said. "The Ho-Chunk Youth Council helps connect more with the younger native students."

The TABO program was started in 2010 for teens in high school to provide peer education to younger students in grade school.

The UW-Extension staff, along with Northrup, pioneered and developed the program from scratch and has been a model for other groups across the country wanting to start a similar program.

"We looked for an existing program and soon found out none existed," Lobenstein said. "We developed the curriculum and, over the years, we've found out what works and what doesn't."

"I think it's getting better," said senior Cecelia Lonetree. "They actually listened to our presentation."

The target audience is fourth through eighth-graders, and each grade has its own curriculum and touching on subjects such as coping with bullying, awareness, cyberbullying and being an ally.

A tool they can use has been labeled as "Stop It," in which eighth graders are taught how to stop bullying by themselves or as a witness.

As part of their presentations, different props are used to get the message across. For instance, in their Kool Aid activity, the presenters offer a glass of water as representing "rumors" and the Kool Aid powder as "truth." The two are mixed together. It shows that, once the water and powder are mixed, they can never be separated.

"There are good discussions resulting from the demonstrations," Northrup said.

Lonetree said that one of her favorite demonstrations is to show how stories become changed as they pass from person to person. She offers a game called "Pictionary Telephone." A slip of paper is passed around and the first person writes a sentence or statement. The second person folds under that statement and draws a picture of that sentence. The next person looks at the drawing, folds it under, and writes a sentence of the drawing. The game continues until everyone has had a turn. At the end, the last sentence is compared to the first sentence. Usually, the two sentences are completely different.

"It shows how a rumor can change

over time and as it passes between people," said sophomore Sarah Rave. "It also shows how easily a story could be misinterpreted. The game helps to get the message across and to keep the kids engaged."

"It's important to make them aware of all types of bullying," said senior Graciana Rave. "It's not just about pushing someone up against a locker."

By having the older Ho-Chunk students offer the programs, it helps the younger native students make a connection.

"They listen better because they look up to you," said Cecelia Lonetree. "We make sure we call on them individually. I have heard them talking about it later positively."

Cyberbullying is an important topic because it is becoming a more of an issue.

"You see it a lot online," Lonetree said. "It's a lot easier to do it behind a keyboard than face-to-face. It brings you down."

While Facebook used to be a popular site for the younger crowd, many of them have abandoned that avenue and moved to programs such as Twitter,



Some of the Ho-Chunk members of the TABO group include (from left) Josh Cloud, Graciana Rave, Sarah Rave and Cecelia Lonetree. Members not pictured are Cyrus Ortiz, Izaak Ortiz and Michaela Custodio.

Instagram and Snapchat. One of the worst for bullying is Ask.FM, where people ask really rude personal questions, Sarah Rave said. Another is Subtweet, where people can talk about things anonymously and are frequently degrading.

The creators of the peer bullying education program say that their program is helping develop other student programs.

"It has given us the opportunity to present the program across the state," Lobenstein said. "Since we started, we helped kids in Madison and in Trempealeau take our program and adapt it for their own purposes."

Everything has been grant funded, with 18 youth total in the program, of which 7 are from the Ho-Chunk Youth Council.

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All tournament players 18 & older, out of High School & proof of tribal enrollment with photo ID
Payment in Full, Cashiers Check or Money Order - NO refunds or Team/Money Transfers
Lil' Hoopsters Saturday Noon-1PM Registration @ 11AM - Limited to 80

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Nelson Funmaker 3-pt Shootout
\$250 - \$150 - \$50

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March Madness Tournament Admission

Adults 18-59 \$10/wkend or \$5/day

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Age 5 & under & Seniors 60+ FREE

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Baraboo, WI 53913

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SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency ex rel and Cierra A. Woolf, Petitioners, v. Presley D. Bird, Respondent.

Case No. CS 14-82

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Presly D. Bird
You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register and Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order for Child Support* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing parties listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order for child support*. *Id.*, §2.6c.
The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County), Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

General Council Agency, Plaintiff(s), v. Pine Giroux and Melodie Cleveland, Defendant(s).

Case : CV 15-02

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Melodie Cleveland
You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can result in a default judgment being entered against you*. *Id.*, Rule 54.
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SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and Regina Harjo (Overby), Petitioner, v. Gabriel D. Cleveland, Respondent.

Case : 14-87

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Gabriel D. Cleveland
You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.
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SUMMONS
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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor : T.J.H., DOB 11/22/2007
T.J.H., DOB 05/01/2005
T.J.H., DOB 09/05/2002
A.J.H., DOB 06/08/2009

Case : JV 14-28
JV 14-29
JV 14-34
JV 14-35

TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): Taylor J. Houghton, Sr.
You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled guardianship case. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene an *Guardianship Hearing* in accordance with HocAk Nation Third Party Guardianship Act, Para. 11.13a. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the must appear along with the at the *Hearing* described below.
The Court shall commence a proceeding at **9:00 am** on the **5th** day of **March 2015** for the following purpose: *Guardianship Hearing*. Parties may seek to appear by telephone by submitting a written request and accompanying *Certificate of Service* to the presiding judge. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 5(B). Pursuant to HocAk Nation Third Party Guardianship Act, Para. 11.13c, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.
NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: ‘THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.’ THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.
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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor : R.F., DOB 06/25/2006
J.F., DOB 11/15/2007
A.F., DOB 06/18/2011
D.Y., DOB 1/19/2001

Case : JV 12-13
JV 12-14
JV 12-15
JV 12-16

TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): Russell Forcia.
You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled guardianship case. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene an *Guardianship Hearing* in accordance with HocAk Nation Third Party Guardianship Act, Para. 11.13a. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the must appear along with the at the *Hearing* described below.
The Court shall commence a proceeding at **11:00 am** on the **3rd** day of **April 2015** for the following purpose: *Guardianship Hearing*. Parties may seek to appear by telephone by submitting a written request and accompanying *Certificate of Service* to the presiding judge. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 5(B). Pursuant to HocAk Nation Third Party Guardianship Act, Para. 11.13c, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.
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Reassert Sovereignty
Unified Government
Home Ownership
Financial Diversification
State Income Taxes



We as individuals cannot be afraid to give an answer that isn't going to be the most popular or the one everyone wants to hear, as long as it is truthful and honest.

It is easy to say as a candidate what I will do when elected, however it is not just about ONE, it is about the ENTIRE LEGISLATIVE Body working together for the best interest of the Ho-Chunk Nation, but more importantly us the Ho-Chunk People.

Vote Joshua Smith
FOR DISTRICT III LEGISLATOR

Dane County JOM & Title 7 Winter Social Event

On January 24, 2015 native students from the Madison Metropolitan School District Title 7 program and Dane County Johnson O'Malley teamed up for an event at the Goodman Community Center for a night of midwinter fun. Both programs utilize federally funded grants designed to assist Native American students, from Preschool to College, in achieving success in their education.

The night's activities included a traditional rendering of the Ho Chunk Earth Creation Story by Woodrow White, storyteller, Traditional Gardener and Program Manager for Cultural and Community Education for the Ho-Chunk Nation. After the story, students of all ages gathered to recreate the story on a mural. While they were hard at work, everyone was treated to the musical talents of a local native musician. Kelly Jackson is a member of the Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and winner of a Native American Music Award (NAMA) for Best Folk/Americana Recording for her debut Album "Spirit of a Woman." In addition, the University of Wisconsin - Madison Wunk Sheek Drum provided a welcoming, thank you and traveling songs for the event.

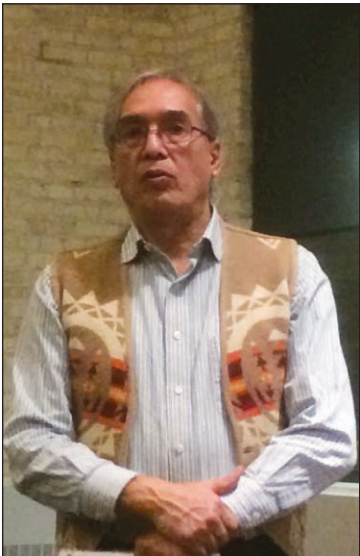
Brooke Lewis, a Ho Chunk 10th grader from Sun Prairie High School captured the sentiment of many of the attendees. "It was great because it was so nice to see that many other Native American students." Others commented that it was a wonderful community building event with a blend of traditional and modern native entertainment.

For more information about the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) Title 7 Program and Dane County

JOM upcoming events and meeting dates, please contact: Tim Fish, Title VII Indian Education Program & Grant

Coordinator at: twfish@madison.k12.wi.us
Office: 608/663-8456:
Laura C. RedEagle, Chair

Dane County Johnson O'Malley Program
danecountyjom@gmail.com



My name is Sherman Funmaker, son of the late Adam and Doris Stacy Funmaker. I was born in Black River Falls and raised in the Wisconsin Dells and Mauston area.

I am running for Legislator for District II and would like to take on the responsibility of representing you for the next four years. I am well aware of the issues that affect all of our lives and although I cannot promise you that I can fulfill every request, I will be available to discuss and take your issues to the full legislative body and do all that I can to make your issues known and acted on.



ELECT SHERMAN FUNMAKER | DISTRICT II LEGISLATOR

With your assistance,

We can bring about positive change starting with a line of open communication.

The peoples voice needs to be heard and included in every important decision that will affect us today and for generations to come.

With your help we can make positive changes, important decisions and futures secure.

Contact me with any comments or questions.
e-mail: uw2unm@yahoo.com
Cell: (608) 408-9652



PLEASE HELP ME HELP THE PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE. I AM HUMBL Y ASKING FOR YOUR VOTE FOR THIS COMING FEBRUARY 28, 2015 PRIMARY ELECTION.



VOTE

February
28th

ROBERT TWOBEARS

FOR HCN PRESIDENT

roberttwobears.com

rtbforpres.com

Experience - Accountability - Honesty - Tradition

I am running for President because it's time to start talking about Ho-Chunk families. We need a President who is fighting for the future of Ho-Chunk families, not fighting amongst ourselves.

I will begin putting Ho-Chunk money towards strengthening our current processes, ensuring all our children have a quality education beyond high school. I will enforce TERO, making sure our job skills bank is available for the young and adults, actually getting our families into safe homes, preserving our culture and language, and engaging our elders to provide them the care and dignity they deserve beyond programs.

- TwoBears has served as finance chair from 2011 – 2012 and currently as second presiding officer for finance.
- He has worked on administration, housing, health, social services and insurance committees.
- He has contributed to being a debt free nation, economic development, housing and health care.
- TwoBears has been appointed to many boards and workgroups. He represented the Ho-Chunk Nation on the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes as secretary 2011 – 2012.
- He currently represents the Bemidji region at the national Indian Health Service budget formulation, since 2009 to present.

I love our Nation, our people, our culture.

I see ways we can bring a better life and future for our families, children and their children. Let's get to work and solve the problems that are keeping us from being our best.

Thank you for your support,
Robert TwoBears



VOTE



for President of the Ho-Chunk Nation

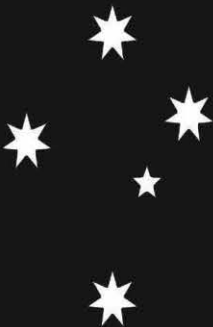
Marlys

Whiteagle

Effective Leadership

Visionary towards the Future

Listens. Follow-thru. Acts.



Thank you for your support



As President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, I will work for a job with a living wage to every member of our Nation.

I will examine our housing needs and respond. I will take care of our Nation's homelessness.

I will re-examine CRP.

I will respond to issues swiftly and effectively. You will speak to a real person.

I want to hear from our Youth and give them a foundation for their future.

Let us not forget our Veterans and Elders, and give them the comfort and care they deserve.



Marlys

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for President of the Ho-Chunk Nation





VOTE FOR CARI FAY ROESCH

DISTRICT I LEGISLATOR

A strong foundation for Tribal success is built upon a commitment to dynamic cooperation.





My dedication to serving the public began over 20 years ago when I joined the United States Marine Corps. I then spent almost 10 years as a police officer with the Milwaukee Police Department, followed by 10 years as a Personnel Investigator for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Throughout my Investigator position, I conducted many in depth investigations, then made sound conclusions based on the HCN’s Employee Relations Act of 2004, HCN Acts, Laws, Resolutions and Standard Operating Procedures. My hard work resulted in numerous departments of the HCN saving money due to my findings and recommendations. I am currently the Community Health Office Manager and a Certified Mediator.

I am an active member of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 and the Andrew Blackhawk Auxiliary Post 129.



The reason I am running for Legislator is due to the many unanswered questions I have as well as other questions Tribal members have voiced. I see the potential for change in the Nation that will be beneficial for our members futures, starting with the youth’s education regarding our culture, careers, financial values and structured investments, which affects all of our futures, especially the care of our elders.

Essentially, I will be the Voice of reason that is heard and take the initiative and action needed to complete each task. This will be done through being the active listener, as I have always been, and keep the lines of communication open, so there are no questions unanswered. I shall use my experience as a Police Officer and an Investigator to thoroughly research all possible solutions.

Dedicated to...

Building **Youth Education** Momentum through educational preparation to strengthen academic areas needing improvement, Mentoring and Internship Programs. Teaching life skills to succeed and be financially secure.

Assisting Elders with transportation and keeping them a positively productive force in the community; and supporting assisted living facilities.

Actively pursue the **assistance to Veterans** with housing, jobs, raising awareness to the families and community working with Military service related disabilities, PTSD and other requests. Creating a Veterans Healing Circle, with the input from Veterans, so they may assist healing other Veterans.

Implementing positive actions to have all government branches working together to reach goals that continue to make our Nation's future financially successful.

Standing firmly against Sand-Mining. The Ho-Chunk Nation needs to take positive progressive actions to halt the devastating effects on Mother Earth, which include the air, water and land, our people, all living creatures and plants.

Supporting the fundamental education, training and tools to promote employ-ability for our HCN members.

Networking with Ho-Chunk Nation member's businesses.

Building and sustaining business relationships that would be advantageous to the Nation.

My decisions will be professional, based on all relevant information, including input from the constituents, and meeting on common ground, following proper procedures to make the expeditious and best informed decisions.

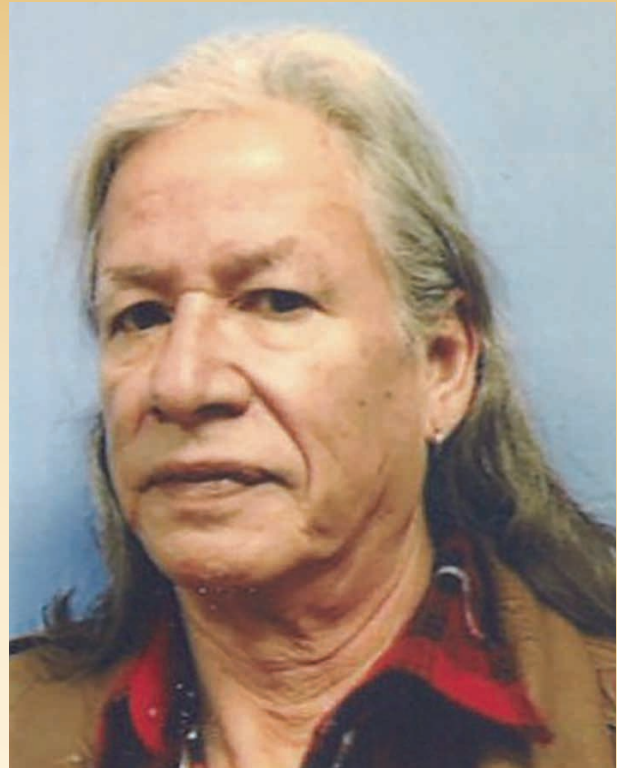
Assure the Ho-Chunk Nation's Police Department proactively eradicate the illegal drugs within our communities which are poisoning our people.

We, the Nation, need to take steps to work together professionally, listen to each other and blend our ideas to create the best plan that brings the Nation success and prosperity for the present and future generations.





*There Is Hope For
A Better Future*



**Write in for the
President of the Ho-Chunk Nation**

**Eliot Ross
Littlejohn Sr.**

**US Air Force 1967-1971
Staff Sargent E-5
Honorably Discharged**

Our goals and objectives:

- **Accountability:** of the entities within our tribe
- **Economic Diversification:** of new and different business ventures for the tribe.
For our continued prosperity for the future
- To use our tribal “sovereignty” to its fullest potential
- Truth and honesty in all of our endeavors. This in respect towards each other
and our ancestors whom have passed before us.
- Treaty rights reclaim which is rightfully ours

Qualifications

**Strong Spirituality, wisdom, along with
common sense and logical thinking.
Plus strong leadership skills.**

Let's Move Forward Together

WRITE IN

WILFRID CLEVELAND

FOR PRESIDENT

A STRONG LEADER THAT WILL LEAD BY:

Wogixete
Love One Another

HOUSING

Continue addressing housing and reducing homelessness by evaluating and streamlining our services so that our Ho-Chunk homes and communities are safe.

Nacgewokici
Sincere Concern for One Another

HEALTH

Keeping our Ho-Chunk values intact by educating ourselves in the caring for our loved ones and ourselves while striving toward high quality healthcare from pre-natal care to elder care.

Aikituti
Helping One Another

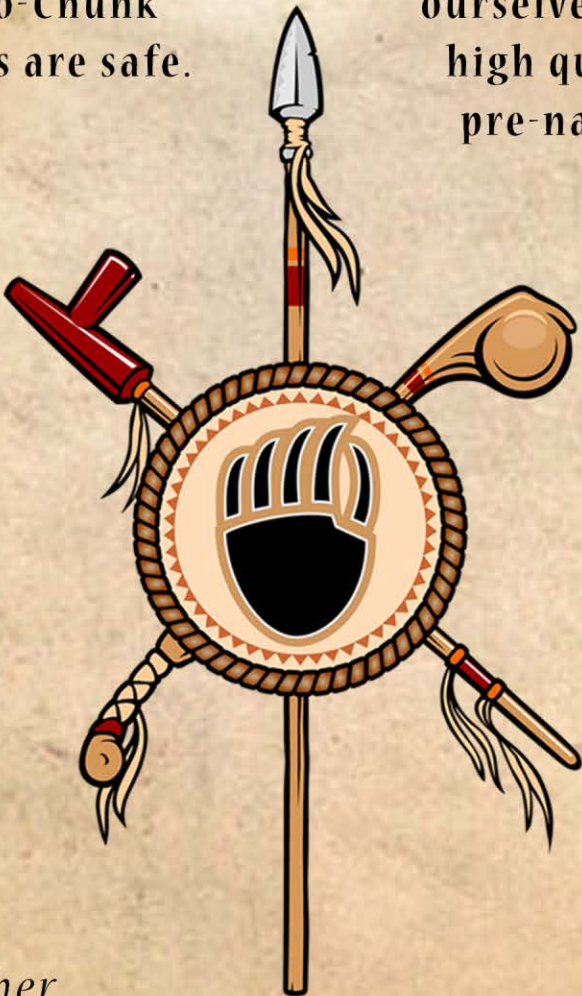
EDUCATION

Learning today for leading tomorrow. We must protect our future through the investment of our youth while moving our Nation forward in business and technology.

Wois'ak
Respect

EMPLOYMENT

Maintaining our Ho-Chunk integrity by reinvesting in our employees and respecting what our ancestors wanted for our Nation's future.



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GIVEAWAY

\$20,000 CASH GIVEAWAY

MARCH 22 | DRAWING AT 6PM | 9 WINNERS

Get your FREE entry today for your chance to win a share of \$20,000 in CASH.
Earn one additional entry every day you earn 25 points playing slots.

(1) - \$10,000 (2) - \$2,500 (5) - \$1,000

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin

\$100,000

slot showdown

5 CASINOS, ONE CHAMPION

\$100,000 IN PRIZES STATEWIDE NOW THROUGH MARCH 29

Qualify through March 22 for the chance to compete and win up to \$35,000 during the March 29th finals. Black River Falls qualifying rounds will be held every Sunday from 3pm to 7:15pm*. Earn 10 points before registering at the Rewards Club to get into the action. Over \$1,400 in Rewards Play awarded weekly.

*QUALIFYING ROUNDS ON MARCH 22 START AT 1:30PM. SEE THE REWARDS CLUB FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

HO-CHUNK GAMING

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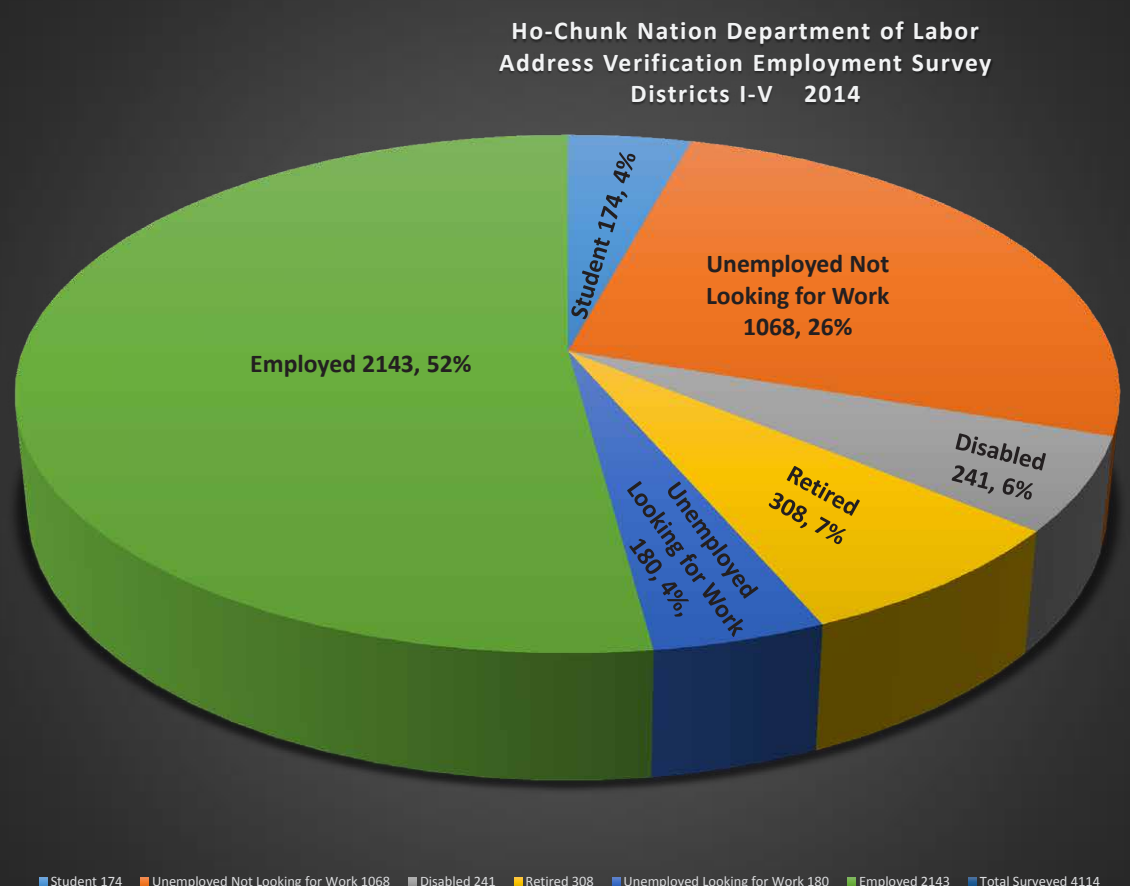
MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER TO ATTEND EVENTS.
HO-CHUNK GAMING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL OR ALTER PROMOTIONS/EVENTS AT ANY TIME.

BLACK RIVER FALLS | MADISON | NEKOOSA | TOMAH | WISCONSIN DELLS | WITTENBERG

Hosted by the House of Wellness Fitness and Aquatic Center.



Posted on: February 23, 2015



Arizona Team Wins Two Special Awards National Future City Competition™

Submitted by Vi Brown, Future City Competition

Phoenix, AZ: A high of 330F and possible snow showers are expected in the nation's capital today. Locally, we are convinced that members of Arizona Region's 1st Place Team, Diamant de l'Arizona of Maricopa Wells Middle School, brought rays of sunshine to this year's National Future City Competition.

Michigan's St. John Lutheran School walked away with the 1st Place prize for the national competition. Congratulations to St. Johns and all teams that competed in the 2015 competition. We are especially proud of our team's performance at this year's competition. They are the only team that won two awards without placing in the Top 5 for the finalist part of the competition.

The first special award given is Best Residential Zone. This award is sponsored by the Chinese Institute of Engineers – USA, and recognizes strategic placement of residential zones that allow maximum return for quality of life issues.

The second award is Most Sustainable Food Production System. This award is sponsored by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) and was presented to the team with the design that provides the best sustainable food production system while conserving soil, water, and energy.

As a reminder, the theme for the 2015 competition is feeding future cities. Team Daimant de l'Arizona's food crops are prickly pear cactus and bee pollen.

Some of the activities for the national competition were captured by local PBS Channel 8. An interview with our students is provided in the February 17, 2015 broadcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3o9-SV9Jeo#action=share>. Additional videos and photos can also be found on our FaceBook page: Future City Arizona.

For information regarding this news release, contact Vi



(L-R) Kain Rivera – Engineering Mentor, Elise Brown Thunder - Team Member, Joseph Szoltysik – co-Teacher, Robyn Rice – Teacher, and Emily Cordero and Joseph Rice – Team Members

The General Council Agency Current Vacancies:

Baraboo

- One Agent

Madison

- One Agent
- One Alternate

Minneapolis/ St. Paul:

- One Alternate

In accordance with General Council Agency By-Laws ARTICLE III – Section 5(A) Agent Vacancies shall be posted in the tribal newsletter once, Section 5(B) when a vacancy on the Agency exists, nominations for new members may be made at their respective area legislative monthly meeting.

Office of the General Council
27374 State Highway 21 Tomah, WI 54660
Phone: 715.284.7891 Fax: 608.372.6092

THE FOLLOWING IS
A LIST OF HO-CHUNK
NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS
ENROLLMENT NUMBERS.
IF YOU NOTICE YOUR
HCN ID# BELOW PLEASE
CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT
OF HOUSING & PUBLIC
WORKS-HOME OWNERSHIP
PROGRAM AT (608)374-1225
BY MONDAY MARCH 16, 2015,
PLEASE ASK TO SPEAK WITH
MICHELLE WINNESHIEK,
SHEILA STOUT OR VICKI
SHISLER.

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Brown at 480.205.2616 M or v.brown@futurecityarizona.org, or go to www.futurecityarizona.org.

About the Future City Competition: The Future City Competition is a national program for middle school students. It is sponsored by the engineering community to promote and grow a dynamic engineering profession critical to public health, safety, and welfare. The program promotes math, science, and engineering through hands-on, real world applications and is open to all public, private and parochial schools. The National Finals of the Future City Competition are a featured event during National Engineers Week with students from across the country competing in Washington, D.C. for awards and prizes. Together we meet a vital need: introducing students, parents, and educators to engineering, engaging them in hands-on engineering experiences, and making science and math relevant.

March Elders Birthdays

3 Owen Cloud

5 Gary Keller
Tammy Littlebear

7 Wayne Johnson
William Payer
Jilleen Scott
Lillian Thundercloud

8 George Youngthunder

9 Morgan WhiteEagle

10 Geraldine Conery
Elliott Garvin
Theresa Lerma
Patricia Ennis

11 Janice Stott
Norman Snake Sr.
Dennis Lewis
Mary Whitegull

12 Sandra Blackdeer
Dale Garvin
Daniel Topping
Lavon Wright
Janice Savage
Woodrow White

13 Purcel Delarosa
Chloris Lowe Jr.
Andrea Storm
Judith Ann Thundercloud

14 Alvin Alderman
Gloria Godfrey
Bonnie Smith
Mary Ellen Allowan

15 Francis Steindorf

16 Esther Redhawk

18 Harlan Hendrix
Virgil Pettibone
Elva Brown

19 Dennis Whitehorse
Maureen Sanford

20 Brenda Brown
Carmen Farrell-Shubert

21 Debra Orth

22 Leroy Bigsoldier

23 Fidel Delarosa
Rana Moser

24 Loren Payer
Jeffrey Goodbear

25 Helene Lincoln

26 Velma Lewis
Marcella Duke
Cynthia Wagner
Patricia Decorah

27 Raymond Lopez
Paul Whitehorse
Frieda Blackcoon

28 Gloria Ward
Phyllis McCloud
Walter Whitehorse

29 Stephanie Higgins
Maureen Decorah

30 William Goodbear
Lionel Cloud
Debra Lozano
Priscilla Gakin
Clara Swan

31 Marcella Patton
Delores Beatty

Elders Birthdays

1 Myrle Thompson
Levi Thunder Sr.
Steve Funmaker
Pinkah Greengrass
Elaine Sine

2 Calvin Snowball
Harold Blackdeer III

3 Carol Whitethunder
Laverda Richter

4 Sharon Lynch
Matthew Johnson
Carlos Cabasos

5 Calvin Monegar

6 Janet Funmaker

7 Celena Twinn
Robert Mann

8 Fred White
Jean Stopinski

9 Geraldine Deere
Forrest Whiterabbit
Janet Muir

10 Marlene Helgemo

11 Martina Littleboy
Patricia Provost
John Huth Sr.

13 Henry Littlesoldier

14 Lila Blackdeer

15 Eliza Green
Joann Baker

16 Sharon Pierce
Lucinda Littlesoldier
Twyla Berry
Lori Gamble

17 Myrtle Funmaker
Polly Cholka
Dwight Steele

18 Janet Dittmer
Leon Oknewski
Earl Smith Jr.

19 Alvane King
Frank Decorah
Helen WhiteHorse

20 Richard Decorah

22 Betty Kingsley
Albertina McArthur
Shirley Kulvik
Eugene Topping Sr.

23 Mary Beeman
Merton Lincoln

24 Arlene Keahna
Delia Maisells

25 William Lamken
Roger Thundercloud

26 Leonard Sheka Jr.
Bridgadine Spiegler

27 Millie Decorah
Boye Ladd
Edith Prescott
Bruce Pettibone
Anna Reichenbach

28 Carol Buchanan
Kathleen Blackdeer

Sharyn Steele develops film promotion business

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Independent film producer and Ho-Chunk member Sharyn Steele has embarked on a new venture, providing promotional items for the film industry.

She owns and runs The Blue Wing Company, which has recently launched a new Web site, <http://www.thebluewingcompany.com>

“The Blue Wing Company provides promotional branded items to companies, organizations and individual clients,” Steele said. “We help them identify items that get their ideas across and work to get them the lowest rates at the best quality possible. We’ve worked with Native American organizations and also specialize in crew gifts for feature films such as making hats for ‘Interstellar’ and ‘Gone Girl’ as well as bags and jackets for ‘Star Trek.’”

Steele is an entertainment professional who intimately understands the entertainment business through her years of development and producing, working with major studios and production companies. The company takes its name and spirit from Steele’s Native American heritage.

The Blue Wing Company Vice President James Noonan brings over two decades of brand marketing expertise and entertainment experience. His clients have included Mattel, Disney, FX Networks, Paramount, Sony, Toyota, Honda and Kaiser Permanente among others.

“My business partner is James Noonan. He has an extensive background in integrated and promotional marketing,” she said. “We share certain responsibilities, such as business development, account and production management, but each have our own expertise too. I specialize in Native American companies and entertainment. He works with other brands such as financial services and sports related companies.”

Steele grew up in Wisconsin and Colorado, went to Dartmouth College for undergraduate studies, where she double majored in English and Film. She then earned a Masters of Fine Arts from University of Southern California’s Peter Stark Producing Program.

“After that, I worked as a development executive at small studios such as WWE

Studios and Gold Circle Films before becoming an independent producer,” she said. “My first ‘produced by’ film, ‘Best Man Down’ was released by Magnolia Films last year.”

Steele is the daughter of Elaine Whiterabbit-Etherington and Byron Steele.

But not all of her products are for the film industry. She recently had buttons made for Ho-Chunk Gaming - Nekoosa and campaign items for Ho-Chunk elections.

Although she has had success so far, she has plans for expanding her business.

“We hope to work more with tribes and non-profits as well as get a bigger foothold on crew gifts. In addition to promotional items, we’re also doing personal shopping and would love to grow the business,” Steel said.



The logo for Sharyn Steele’s new company (left photo) incorporates a bluebird, a takeoff from the words “blue wing,” which comes from her roots as a Ho-Chunk.

Sharyn Steele (right photo) dons a cap from the movie “Gone Girl,” one of many film promotional items offered by her new enterprise, The Blue Wing Company.



MAANIOWASI

March 14th 2015

ROUND DANCE

MC's

Matt Mann – Tomah, WI

Taite Honadick – Parker, AZ

Ho-Chunk Nation House of Wellness

\$2845 White Eagle Road

Baraboo, WI 53913

StückMen

Charles Lasley Sr - Wis Dells, WI

Lennox Lasley – Wis Dells, WI

Special Guest

Harvey Dreaover – WhiteFish Jrs

INVITED NORTHERN SINGERS

Marcus Denny – Midnite Express

Fawn Wood - Cree Confederation

Dallas Waskahat – Cree Confederation

Rocky Morin – Blackstone

Jason Kingbird – Midnite Express

INVITED SOUTHERN SINGERS

Kelly Cable – Southern Boyz

Perry Toppah – ThunderHill

Larry Monnoessy – Wild Band of Comanches

Iron Tso – BucWild

ADULT ONE MAN HAND DRUM CONTEST

Tournament style

1ST \$1500 + JACKET + Beaded Necklace

2nd pl - 5th place awards TBA

MOCCASIN TOURNMENT

1ST PLACE \$300

2ND PLACE \$200

3RD PLACE \$100

Youth Handdrum contest

1st place TBA

2nd place TBA

3rd place TBA

Entry \$5

Free with Ho-Chunk ID

55yrs over free/5yrs under free

RoundDance info/Vendor Contact # 608-844-4689

Facebook event : MaaniowasiRounddance2015

Save the date

Maaniowasi Rounddance Feb 20 2016

Registration opens at 11am

closes 12:45pm

Contest Starts @ 1pm

RoundDance Starts @ 9pm – 3am

Midnite Lunch provided

Feast @ 5pm

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2 step Winner take all \$200

Spot dances for prizes all night

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6:00 p.m.

Chicago Branch Office

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Chicago, IL 60634

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Thursday, March 12, 2015

6:00 p.m.

St. Paul Branch Office